

# *N.o.w. News*

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*Season's Greetings*

# SHOW CALENDAR

Show Chairmen are invited to send announcements of upcoming coin shows in the Wisconsin Area. The Show Calendar is intended to assist collectors and dealers in planning their show attendance. It is also designed to aid show sponsors in avoiding date conflicts. Show dates will be listed up to 12 months in advances and show sponsors are encouraged to submit dates for future shows. Please include the city where the show will be held, official name of the show, show dates, times and location, as well as the name, address and phone number of the show or bourse chairman. Send to: Randy Miller, P.O. Box 254, Oshkosh, WI 54902.

## ROCKFORD, IL - FEBRUARY 7, 1993

Rockford Coin Club. Hoffman House, 7550 E. State Street, Rockford. Chairman: Ralph Winquest, 1004 C Street, Rockford, IL 61107.

## OSHKOSH, WI - FEBRUARY 21, 1993

Numismatic Research Society's 10th Anniversary Coin Show. Holiday Inn at U.S. 41 at 9th Street (Frontage Road). Chairman: Randy Miller, Box 254, Oshkosh, WI 54902.

## CHICAGO, IL - FEBRUARY 25-28, 1993

Chicago International Coin Fair, Hyatt Regency Downtown, Chicago, IL. Chairman: Kevin Foley. Call 1-414-282-2388.

## KENOSHA, WI - FEBRUARY 28, 1993

Kenosha Coin Club's 35th Annual Coin Show. Holiday Inn, 5125 6th Avenue. Chairman: Jerry Binfeld, P.O. Box 191, Pleasant Prairie, WI 53158. (9:30-4:00). NOTE: change of date, February instead of March.

## RACINE, WI - MARCH 7, 1993

Racine Numismatic Society's 55th Annual Coin Show. Sheraton Racine Hotel, 7111 Washington Ave. (Hwy. 20-East of I-94). Chairman: William Spencer, 2724 16th Street, Racine, WI 53405. (9:30-4:00).

## MINNEAPOLIS, MN - MARCH 19-21. 1993

Northwest Coin Club's 58th Annual Show. Earle Brown Heritage Center, 6155 Earle Brown Drive, Brooklyn Center, MN. Chairman: John Saffert, P.O. Box 18053, Minneapolis, MN 55418.

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We go again to a Wisconsin broken banknote for the vignette used on the cover of our 1992 holiday issue -- Santa on a roof in his sleigh pulled by 8 reindeer. This \$2 note was issued by the Waupun Bank in 1856 and is very rare.

The Waupun Bank was organized in 1856 with a capital of \$25,000. Notes were issued in \$1, \$2 and \$3 denominations. The Bank was liquidated in 1862 during the Civil War crisis and banknotes were redeemed at 80¢ on the dollar.

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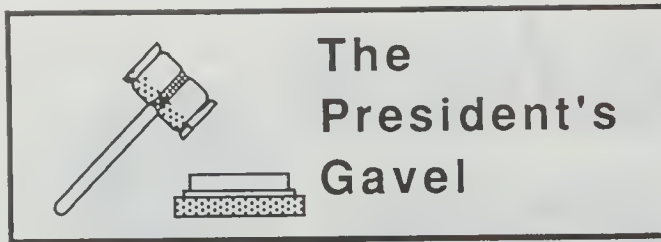


## Wisconsin Numismatic Writer's Association Wants YOU!

The purpose of WNWY is to develop numismatic journalistic talents among our members and to publish interesting and informative articles in NOW News. Membership in the group is open to all NOW members. The only requirement is to submit at least one hobby-oriented article each year for publication in NOW News. The News editor has the right to use or reject any article submitted.

Each year at the NOW Annual Show, members of the Wisconsin Numismatic Writers Association receive awards and cash for the best articles published in the NOW News during the past year. First Prize is a plaque and \$100, 2nd and 3rd place winners receive \$50 and \$25, so it could be very profitable to submit your new (or old) articles to compete for the 1992 prizes.

Dues are only \$1 per year -- send them to Harold Helm, 119 West 9th Avenue, Oshkosh, WI 54901.



As I start thinking about what to include in this message two very old expressions stick in my mind. "You can't fight city hall" and "ignorance of the law is no excuse." While it is possible to fight city hall, it will usually cost more in time and money than most people or coin clubs can afford. Sooner or later everyone learns the hard way that ignorance of the law is no excuse and that when such ignorance exists, in my opinion, it is the result of unfortunate and unintentional negligence. My thoughts are inspired by the cancellation of the La Crosse Coin Club's 30th annual show. The details of this unfortunate event were published in the Sept. 29, 1992 issue of Numismatic News and in a letter from Michael Schiller published in the Oct. 20th issue of Numismatic News.

Ready or not, there is a state law on the books which was published in the March 1991 issue of Yesteryear, an antiques news paper. As I understand it, this law requires local governments to regulate or/and license nonresident dealers in used goods which could be interpreted to include antique and coin dealers at shows.

Therefore I urge anyone who is involved in the planning of a coin show to contact the local city attorney in writing. Explain that you are planning a coin show and ask what permits if any, will be required and about any other regulations which may apply.

Keep a copy of your letter and mail the original by certified mail. Do not include your phone number; insist on a written reply. DO IT NOW!

Secondly as part of the table rental agreement prohibit table holders from mentioning the coin show in any buy ads for non - numismatic items which they may place in the local media for publication before or during the show. This should prevent a situation similar to the one which started the trouble for the La Crosse show, from ruining your show.

On a happier note I am pleased to report that the Milwaukee Numismatic Society's experimental fall show was a success; the first such of many more I hope. The number of exhibits was small however which was a bit of a surprise considering how generously the MNS rewards all exhibitors. Recently I also attended the Madison fall show. It was just as good as their always good spring show. This proves that Madison is definitely a two show a year town.

In closing I want to wish you all a happy and healthy holiday season.

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NOTICE

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE WAUSAU COIN SHOW HAS A NEW DATE AND PLACE. WISCONSIN VALLEY COIN CLUB'S SHOW IS APRIL 18, 1993, AT HOWARD JOHNSON'S, 2001 N. MOUNTAIN, HWY 51 AT NN EXIT.  
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## *MacPuter Musings*

The Holiday Season has arrived once again -- Thanksgiving stuffing (not only for the bird) and Christmas shopper's panic of what to get for who... Why not stop by one of our NOW dealers and get a little something for that special numismatist?

We will be steering you toward other articles of importance in this issue. Please take a few moments to read them.

### ☆ **Dues for 1993**

You may have already noticed --It's Dues time again -- please check your label and use the special envelope enclosed to send your \$4 to the Secretary/Treasurer to ensure receiving your next issue. Because of postal weight regulations, everyone, receives a notice even if you've paid ahead or are a Life Member. Do not send dues and ballots in the same envelope; the dues may become "lost" for several months until ballots are opened and counted.

☆ Keep in mind that we do not automatically send new membership cards every year. If you desire a new card, let us know and we will make sure you receive a new one (a self-addressed, stamped envelope would be nice).

☆ **Life Memberships** are still only \$80.

### ☆ **Ads for 1993**

Why not renew your business-card ad as published in our NOW News in 1993 for only \$20 (or \$6 per issue). Send your ad and check (payable to NOW) to Editor Pete Phillips, 3329 Wells Avenue, Madison, WI 53714.

### ☆ **Return Your Ballot**

Four Board members will be elected for a 3-year term. We have excellent candidates, so please read their Bios and send in your Ballot before February 1st.

### ☆ **Wisconsin Numismatic Writer's Association Invites New Members**

If you like to write and are interested in numismatics, why not send \$1 to Harold Helm and get in competition for the 1993 cash awards. Send your articles to Editor Pete Phillips. (Details elsewhere)

### ☆ **Coin Club and Show Information**

Your Club's news is always welcome --be sure your secretary or representative sends in the information form to Pete Phillips so your club's activities can be included in our 1993 calendar.

### ☆ **Coin Show "Clinkers"**

Some of you may have attempted to attend the LaCrosse Show last fall and found it had been cancelled. If your planning a show, be sure to read the article about a first-hand experience with "Second-Hand Seller's" permits.... It may help prevent a "Clinker" in your Club's Stocking!



# NUMISMATISTS OF WISCONSIN STATE CONVENTION TIDBITS

## SHOW INFORMATION

The Madison Coin Club will host the Numismatists of Wisconsin State Convention. It will be held at the Holiday Inn, West. 1313 John Q. Hammons Drive, Middleton, WI 53562. General Co-Persons are Kevin Doyle, 5 N. Western Avenue, Deerfield, WI 53531, or Peter Phillips, 3329 Wells Avenue, Madison, WI 53714.

Bourse Chairman is Don Kershner, 614 Robert Drive, Sun Prairie, WI 53590.

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There are rooms set aside for the early birds. Room rates are \$71.00 single and \$79.00 double. Please contact the Holiday Inn and let them know your with the Coin Show.

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## EXHIBITS

We are looking for some good exhibits for our 61st coin show, we have a limited amount of space so please reserve your space. You **must** have your own cases. Please send your name and address and type of exhibit. Awards will be given.

Send to Ruth Ann Phillips, Exhibit Chairman, 3329 Wells Avenue, Madison, WI 53714.

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**VOTE!**

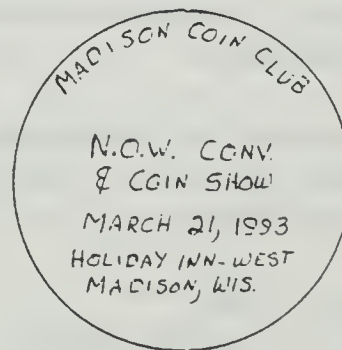
## EARLY BIRDS

For those early birds, Saturday night something special is being planned. More about it in the next issue of NOW NEWS.

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## WOODEN NICKEL

Dan Scheid of the Madison Coin Club has designed the wooden nickel for the state show. The design pictured below. Red ink, Indian Reverse. If interested please write Dan Scheid, 5214 N. Autumn La., McFarland, WI 53558-9664.



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There will be more information in the next issue of NOW NEWS, including a map.

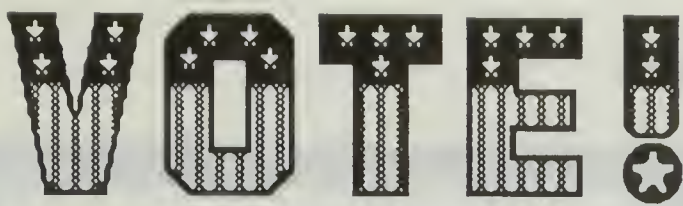
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SEE YOU IN MADISON NEXT MARCH 21, 1993 AT THE HOLIDAY INN, WEST.

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**VOTE!**





## Introducing N.O.W. Nominees for 1993

Four NOW members were nominated to serve on the Board of Directors for next three years. The candidates (all with excellent qualifications) have accepted!

NOW officers receive no pay, but are rewarded by the confident placed in them by the members who vote for them. The price of a stamp and a moments reflection and ballot marking will show these candidates that you care.

We have a brief biography on each nominee, highlighting their numismatic associations.

The candidates are listed alphabetically -- be sure to send your ballot to NOW Secretary/Treasurer, Ron Calkins, before February 1st, 1993.

### Board of Governors

#### Bob Korosec (West Allis)

Bob has been active as a collector since 1962 and a dealer for many years. He is a Life Member of N.O.W. and has served on the Board (1985-1987), and is past President of the Milwaukee Numismatic Society and the South Shore Coin Club. Bob has been General Chairman of many MNS coin shows and is General Chairman of the 1993 SSCC Show.

#### Randy Miller (Appleton)

Randy has been involved in coins since 1972, both as a collector and a dealer. He is a Life Member and has served on the NOW Board since 1984. He has served as an officer of the Fox Valley

Coin Club and as Secretary/Treasurer of the Oshkosh-based, Numismatic Research Society. Randy's current responsibilities include Show Coordinator for N.O.W. and its member coin clubs.

#### Mike Tramte (Green Bay)

Mike's interest in coin collecting began in 1954, collecting large cents, tokens, medals, National Banknotes and Civil War Store cards of Wisconsin. In 1967 Mike became NOW member #717, and has continued to be very active, holding offices of -- President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, Board of Governors and is our immediate Past-President.

#### Nancy Wilson (Milwaukee)

Veteran collector, researcher, author and exhibitor, Nancy has served on the NOW Board since 1984 and has been involved in the numismatic hobby on the local, regional and national level. She presently is on the NOW Board of Governors and the Board of the American Numismatic Association. She is a Past-President of the South Shore Coin Club.

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NOVA SCOTIA

NEW SCOTLAND: The name literally entails the character of the province. From St. Ann's Gaelic College, the only school of its kind in North America, to brightly tartaned pipers, Nova Scotia is never far away from its origins. Highlands and sea enhance the visual spell that recalls another time and continent.



NOVA SCOTIA

The beaded design is around the edge of the coin, NOVA SCOTIA appears around the left edge of the coin, NOUVELLE-ÉCOSSE appears just left of center and continues around the right edge of the coin. 25 CENTS is at the bottom edge of the coin. The design depicts the lighthouse at Peggy's Cove. Peggy's Cove is one of several fishing villages built around the snug harbors of the Craggy South Coast. A lighthouse sits on a rocky foundation, the designers initials BW are to the far right of the lighthouse. The designer is Bruce Wood and was born in Truro, Nova Scotia and still lives there. Bruce Wood is a member of several organizations including: Visual Arts Nova Scotia, The Art Gallery of Nova Scotia, the Truro Art Society, the Cobequid Salmon Association and Ducks Unlimited.

## QUEBEC

La Belle Province is a living testimony of its French parentage. Montreal, the commercial and cultural center, is the largest French-speaking city outside of Paris. Sharing the spotlight is the city of Quebec, the only walled city on the North American Continent north of Mexico. Quebec boasts some of the most colorful sights in Canada and present then with charming Gallic flair. Because of Quebec's once-strong cultural and linguistic ties to France, 80% of the populace use French as their first language, and some Continental traditions prevail.

QUEBEC



A beaded design is around the coin, the French spelling of QUEBEC is at the left and the English is to the right, 25 CENTS is at the bottom. The device depicts Perce Rock rise abruptly from the sea. Measuring 438 meters long by 88 meters high off the Gaspé Peninsula on the Gulf of St. Lawrence, there are two small sailboats, one showing a side view with the other showing a front view. At the right a opening appears in Perce Rock. At the far right is another small rock formation. The designer's initials R.B. appears just in the water lines at the lower right. Romualdas (Romeo) Bukauskas was born in Lithuania. Mr. Bukauskas studied at the Sir George Williams School of Art. He graduated from l'Ecole des Beaux-Arts de Montreal in 1966. Romeo presently works as a graphic artist at the National Sample Card Co. in Montreal.



## SASKATCHEWAN

Saskatchewan is composed of vast grain-covered plains, rolling hills, thousands of icy lakes and virgin woodlands. Modern as fiber optics, primitive as un-spoiled wilderness, Saskatchewan is the heartland of Western Canada.



SASATCHEWAN

A beaded design appears around the edge of the coin. The word, SASKATCHEWAN is at the top. 25 CENTS is at the Bottom. The design depicts stalks of wheat, with a train of Canadian National Railroad grain cars in a sweeping curve, in the background are two grain elevators. The initials B.E.C. appear to the right of the largest stalk of wheat below the last train car. Brian E. Cobb was born at Hinton, Alberta, a town situated some 100 km north of Jasper. He moved to Kamloops, British Columbia at an early age. Brain studied Classical and Computer Arts at the Cariboo College. Mr. Cobb is presently expanding his portfolio for a future showing. He is involved in several artistic ventures including: full matching inside/outside design concepts in paint and materials for Hot Rod vehicles, sculpture using modern industrial scrap as well as natural organic materials, concepts for computer animation and stills from computer art.

## BRITISH COLUMBIA

Between the Rocky Mountains and the Pacific Ocean lies British Columbia, westernmost of the Canadian Provinces. Buttressed by neighboring Alberta, the Yukon and the United States, this is a land where jagged ranges of snow clad peaks, timbered foothills, fertile valleys and great lakes and rivers combine to form an outstanding scenic picture.

### BRITISH COLUMBIA



A beaded edge is around the coin. BRITISH COLUMBIA - COLOMBIE - BRITANNIQUE almost circulates the coin, 25 CENTS appears at the bottom. The design depicts three magnificent (orcas) killer whales in the crystal-blue coastal waters swimming to the right, there are two groves of towering fir trees at each side of the design. the designer's initials C.H.E. appears at the right in the water, just below the trees. In the background are majestic snow-capped mountains. Carla Herrera Egan was born in Port-of-Spain, Trinidad in 1956 and moved to Barbados in 1959. She entered the Bachelor of Fine Arts program at Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario in 1974. Majoring in Printmaking, she graduated in 1979. In 1979, Carla married and moved to Ottawa with her husband, Thomas. Carla presently lives on Vancouver Island with her husband and their six-year old daughter, Laura. Working from her studio at home, she pursues her artistic career, selling works in Victoria galleries. She is currently writing and illustrating a children's book.



## COIN TID-BITS

What is a slider? A slider is normally a coin that has been in circulation with slight circulation wear, but which is offered as an uncirculated coin. It is slid up the grading scale.

### QUIZ

How many dollar signs are on a \$1 Federal Reserve note?

What is the rarest Barber dime in mintage?

The average life of a \$1 bill is?

If a rich uncle gave you yours choice of one of the following MS-65 Silver Dollars as a gift, which financially would be the best pick?  
a. 1878-CC b. 1884-CC c. 1893-cc d. 1903-O

True or False: The half Cent has no mint mark.

Answers in next column.

### NUTCRACKER

The ministry of Communications of Russia is issuing its 1st ever Official Postage Stamp Replica First Day Cover. This unique commemorative features 4 new Nutcracker postage stamps and an exact and Official replica of the best of the 4 stamps. Struck in a proof-like finish from one full troy ounce of gleaming .999 pure silver. For more information write to: Fleetwood, Customer Service, One Unicover Center, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82008-0001.

## FISHBOWL WOODEN NICKEL

The Fishbowl Wooden Nickel Coin Club's 1992 Wooden Nickek is for sale. Please send 25¢ and SASE to Wayne Hansen, 6252 Polansky Road, Webster, WI 54893. They have other years available.

The Fishbowl Wooden Nickel Coin Club celebrated their 26th show with 145 people attending. An American \$5 gold coin was raffled off.



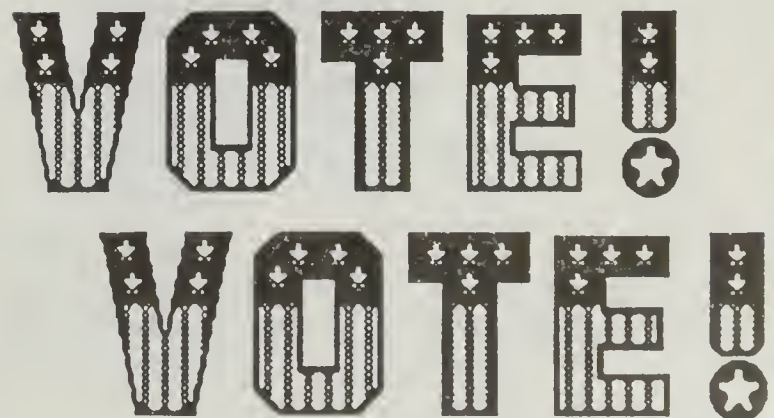
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### ANSWERS TO TID-BITS QUIZ

- The number of \$ signs - none
- The rarest Barber dime: 1894-S
- The average life of a one dollar bill is: 17 to 18 months.
- The best pick of MS-65 Silver Dollars: 1893 CC.
- True..Half Cent has no mint mark

FROM: RACINE COIN CLUB NEWSLETTER.

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## TICKETS VERSUS TOKENS

by David Hunsicker - W.N.W.A.



The Milwaukee Electric Railway & Light Company (TMER&L) was one of America's outstanding transit systems in its' rail operations. It provided Milwaukee with excellent city transportation and inter-urban lines.

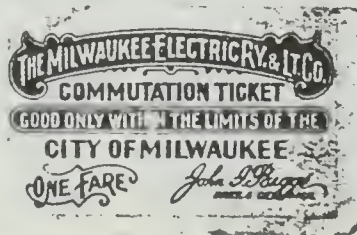
Many city railway systems issued tokens for the convenience of their ridership. The Atwood-Coffee Catalogue of Transportation Tokens lists 3 Wisconsin cities having tokens for the TMER&L. They are Milwaukee 510 H,I - Racine 700 C,D,E - Waukesha 930 A,B, none of which are easily found.

Tokens were helpful to the transportation company because they could be recycled. After the daily fare accounting was made the tokens could be resold to riders. Even though tokens could be resold many times, they were costly because of accounting purposes. The motorman had to settle his finances daily with tokens and cash being handled for fares.

Paper tickets were issued by the TMER&L as an inexpensive fare rather than the more costly metal token. In 1908 the company started to print their own tickets at the rate of 200,000 per day.

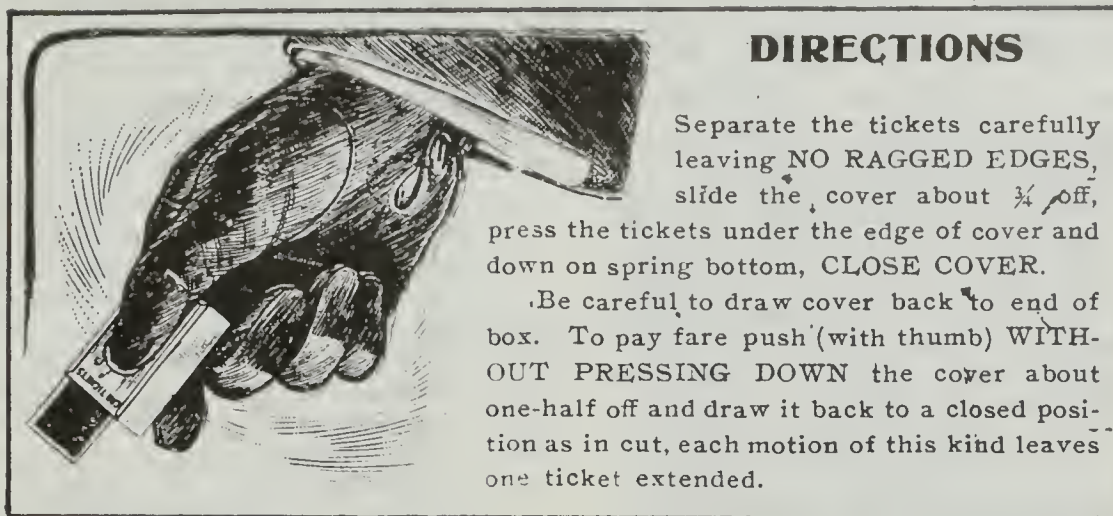
Advantages of the tickets were their low cost and the motormans ease of accounting for tickets sold. There was no inventory of used tickets because they were destroyed once accounted for at the company office. Tokens had to be inventoried and accounted for at all times.

Tickets sold at reduced rates from paying a cash fare. In 1920, the cash fare was 10¢ and tickets sold six for 50¢. Children's tickets for under 12 years of age were introduced at twelve for 50¢ (cash fare was 5¢).



A 1920's TMER&L commutation ticket features the Public Service Building headquarters which was built in 1905. It still exists today on West Michigan Avenue between 2nd and 3rd streets in downtown Milwaukee.





A recent discovery in the basement of an old print shop in Milwaukee revealed a handy dispenser for the old tickets. A quantity of the nickel plated steel devices was found with their original wrapper/direction sheet as shown. A magnifying glass shows the commutation ticket shown above being dispensed. The dispenser was manufactured by B.-C.-Co. of Milwaukee with patent applied for. This neat device is 1-3/4 inch long and it is interesting that it lay dormant for over 70 years.

Tickets are rather difficult to collect because once removed from the fare box and counted, they were destroyed. Survivors are those that were probably lost in a dresser drawer or an old wallet or purse.

Collecting coins and tokens is very interesting, however it is nice to find a piece of exnumia to relate to your collection such as this dispenser.

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## NUMISMATIC TID-BIT:

Did you know that some gold coins are referred to as "Southern gold" and have a "C" mint mark. The "C" of course stands for Charlotte, NC. The Mint at Charlotte produced only gold coins from 1838-1861. It was opened to coin gold from the Appalachian Gold Rush, and stopped minting gold when North Carolina seceded for the Union. Southern branch Mints also opened in Dahlonega, GA, and New Orleans, LA in 1838, Dahlonega also producing only gold coins. FROM: The Racine Numismatic Society's Newsletter.

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## City Regulations Force LaCrosse Club to Cancel Show

(Numismatic News, Sept. 29, 1992)

Coin dealers and collectors received a rude surprise Sept. 12 in La Crosse, Wis.

The La Crosse Coin Club's 30th annual show was scheduled to be held at the city's Valley View Mall, but it was canceled less than 24 hours before the event was to begin.

Club officers decided on the last-minute change in plans when La Crosse officials demanded that all dealers at the show obtain a city peddlers and solicitors license or prove that they were county residents.

The city became aware of the coin show after a complaint was lodged with LaCrosse assistant city attorney Tom Jones over a newspaper advertisement placed by Middleton, Wis., dealer Gary Small.

One of 14 dealers scheduled to appear in La Crosse, Small's buy ad offered to purchase sterling silver and other items from area residents.

"About late Friday afternoon, a sergeant from the police department who handles these kind of licenses indicated that he had gotten a question from the city clerk's office and a complaint from a citizen about an advertisement from someone buying scrap gold and pocket watches," Jones said.

"The officer was of the opinion that this person needed a second-hand jewelry dealer's license, and I agreed with him," Jones said. "That license is valid throughout the state. Then the question came up about the other dealers in stamps and coins."

The city examined two ordinances regulating sales of merchandise. One ordinance provided for some licensing exemptions, but coin and stamp dealers were not included.

"Our language on second-hand dealers parallels the state statutes," Jones said. "We are at least considering adding stamp and coin shows to the list. Frankly, we weren't too thrilled about the results."

Any changes in the regulations would have to be approved by the La Crosse Common Council.

"I suspect some people will be contacting their alderman asking for a change or an amendment in the regulations," Jones said.

The La Crosse Coin Club hopes to reschedule the show for later this year, but the organization has some obstacles to overcome, according to bourse chairman Dave Horman.

"I think we spent about \$400 on the show, and we have to refund table fees to the dealers," he said.

"Our club treasury is not in good shape. I doubt if we have \$100 left, and we haven't paid the members for the long-distance calls they made and other expenses."

The city ordinance exempts trade shows, flea markets, and conventions held at the La Crosse Center from licensing requirements, but Horman believes that exception is discriminatory.

"I almost think you could take them to court on that," he said. "We liked the idea of going into the mall because of the tremendous traffic flow."

Tableholders were called as soon as the decision about the show cancellation was made, but several dealers had already left for La Crosse and made the trip in vain.

Collectors from as far away as southern Wisconsin and Galena, Ill., drove to La Crosse in anticipation of the show and went home without an opportunity to shop for coins.

Green Bay, Wis., dealer Michael Schiller was contacted by the club before he left for the show and was spared a long drive. He felt La Crosse officials overreacted to the situation.

"This was one of the most heavy-handed decisions concerning our industry that I've ever seen from local government," he said. The decision probably cost the local economy \$25,000, and I'm not exaggerating. A lot of people would have come to town and stayed in local motels, eaten out, and shopped."

Schiller concluded, "With dynamic leadership like this, I'm not surprised that La Crosse has 15 percent unemployment. The city of La Crosse should be embarrassed."



## Could Local Coin Shows be Facing Trouble?

(Reprinted with permission from Numismatic News', October 20, 1992)

*Editor's note: This Viewpoint, by dealer Michael P. Schiller, is in response to actions by La Crosse, Wis., city officials, resulting in the cancellation of the La Crosse Coin Club's 30th annual coin show.*

*The full story of the show's cancellation (which occurred after city officials insisted, in accordance with a city ordinance, that all dealers attending the show obtain a city peddlers and solicitors license) was covered in the Sept. 29 issue of Numismatic News.*

*Schiller had reserved a table for that show.*

Could the local Sunday coin show become a thing of the past? If many local governments have their way, that could happen.

How did we get to this point?

1. We are a small "industry." We have little or no voice in what local, state or federal regulations are enacted that affect the hobby.

2. Government is broke. Any method that can be used to extract fees and revenues will be fully explored — often with little or no research done on how it may affect a hobby or local economies.

3. The lack of education and dialogue between all concerned parties is keenly evident.

Let's now explore what we in the hobby can do.

The 1992 *Numismatic Dealer Directory* lists 105 dealers in the state of Wisconsin. Most are like my firm — "mom and pop" operations, with few or no employees. That is why dealers alone cannot effectively lobby for change.

Dealers are too few in numbers to impress money minded bureaucrats. We need help from the collecting public, investors, and organizations to make any kind of impression.

We must also enlist the help of other allies, some of which you may not have thought: the Retail Gasoline Dealers Association, restaurateurs, merchants' associations, hospitality people, and

local chambers of commerce.

We need to let people know what local bureaucrats are doing. If local government enacts an ordinance that keeps business out of an area, then those vendors affected by such an ordinance should be made aware of it.

Local businesses can hold local governments accountable — they can help us change local ordinances.

As an individual, what else can you do? Simply, get involved.

Bodie Thoene, in the *Munich Signature*, said "Apathy is the glove into which evil slips its hand."

When was the last time you attended a local council meeting to see what ordinances were being enacted? And then, did you ask how local business would be affected by the ordinance?

When was the last time you attended a local coin club meeting? When have you asked a board member of a state organization or regional representative of a national organization what was going on in the hobby?

When was the last time, after reading a viewpoint, that you took pen in hand and wrote a letter letting someone know how you felt?

I hope you will write to the La Crosse Common Council and the city's mayor. If you write to the council as a whole, the letter has to be read into the minutes.

The address for the La Crosse Common Council is: Mayor and Common Council of La Crosse, 400 La Crosse St., La Crosse, WI 54601.

Lastly, we must explore a dialogue with local government. We must try to establish mutual respect — with dealers and collectors realizing that cities and states need to collect revenues. Local government must also appreciate that vendors depend on these shows for their living.

*Michael P. Schiller is owner and operator of M.P. Schiller Rare Coin Inc. of Green Bay, Wis.*

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## *Wisconsin Casino Tokens*

By Gene Johnson, WNWA

In the process of writing my new Wisconsin trade token book, it became apparent that some "good for" tokens should be omitted from the book because they were already cataloged elsewhere. This was most apparent with bus and streetcar tokens of Wisconsin, cataloged by the American Vecturist Association since 1948.

Fellow cataloger, Jerry Binsfeld, has cataloged Wisconsin encased coins in his excellent book, "An Illustrated Guide to Wisconsin Encased Coins," so several Wisconsin encased "good fors" were also excluded, along with wooden "good fors" and several other cataloged types.

Long after the list of exceptions was compiled, a new token type came on the scene -- the Native American Wisconsin gambling token. The phenomenon of Tribal gambling grew from a Wisconsin law that created a state lottery. Several years earlier, Bingo for prizes had breached the Thompson anti-gambling law in Wisconsin, and the state lottery fell into place quite naturally.

What was not anticipated by state government, was the legal challenge by several native American tribes that the law (in addition to lottery) allowed casino gambling on Tribal property.

In anticipation of the beautiful fall weather, we made plans late last summer to visit some of the tribal operations in search of tokens. This turned up a number of attractive pieces and promise of a fine display.

Our first visit was to nearby Nekoosa, where the Wisconsin Winnebago Tribe operates the smallest of the Wisconsin casinos. Here we found tokens of the Majestic Pines Casino of Black River Falls in use until Nekoosa can have their tokens struck. With the addition of slot machines, Nekoosa had just changed over from Bingo only.

With this as a beginning, we began token hunts around the state, enjoying automobile rides and some fabulous Wisconsin fall colors. The tokens we found are all \$1 slot machine tokens.

### Δ **Black River Falls**

Winnebago Nation                      Dated 1992

### Δ **Bowler**

Stockbridge-Munsee Band

### Δ **Hayward**

Lac Courte Oreilles (Chippewa) 1992

### Δ **Keshena**

Menominee Nation                      Dated 1991

### Δ **Mole Lake**

Sokaogon Chippewa

### Δ **Turtle Lake**

Saint Croix Chippewa                      Dated 1992

Most of the \$1 gaming tokens are nicely designed... Mole Lake and Saint Croix using eagle designs; Keshena, Black River Falls and Hayward, warrior logos, and the Stockbridge-Munsee Mohicans, a Native American symbol.

Four of the tokens are clad coin finished, and two (the Saint Croix and Mohican) are gold anodized.

A larger \$5 token from the Mole Lake Casino is also anodized in the gold color. In addition to the collectibles, the Keshena Casino uses beautiful black jack chips with a colorful Chiefton in full headdress featured as the centerpiece.

Here is a list of other tribal casinos operating in Wisconsin:

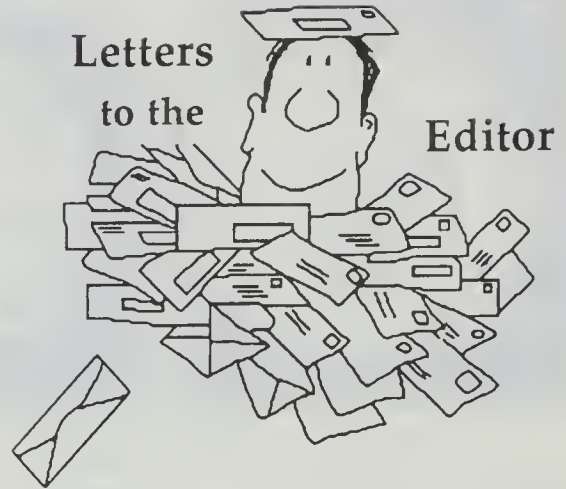
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Lac Du Flambeau Chippewa	Lac du Flambeau
Oneida Tribe	Green Bay
Red Cliff Chippewa	Bayfield
Winnebago Tribe	Lake Delton

While we have not had an opportunity to visit these casinos as yet, it is almost a "sure bet" that dollar gaming tokens struck specifically for these locations are now in use.

If you would like a list of casino names and addresses, write to:

Wisconsin Gaming Commission  
P.O. Box 8979  
Madison, WI 53708-8979

Good Hunting and Good Luck!



I recently received my copy of Jerry Binsfeld's book, **"An Illustrated Guide to Wisconsin Encased Coins,"** and found it most interesting.

The book includes 289 encased coins from 94 towns and cities in Wisconsin plus 56 attributed Mavericks. Almost all of the pieces are illustrated. The book is formatted alphabetically by town or city, followed by the encased pieces issued. The largest listing of pieces is 105 from Milwaukee with 57 towns or cities listing only 1 piece. There would appear to be a numerous supply of encased coins that have not yet been listed and Jerry is seeking help from any collectors in updating his Guide.

Jerry has obviously put a lot of effort into the book and indicates that a second edition will be coming in 3-5 years. I would recommend the book to anyone who has an interest in encased coins... especially from Wisconsin. Jerry deserves the support of Wisconsin collectors for his excellent job of providing us with his **"An Illustrated Guide to Wisconsin Encased Coins."**

Sincerely,  
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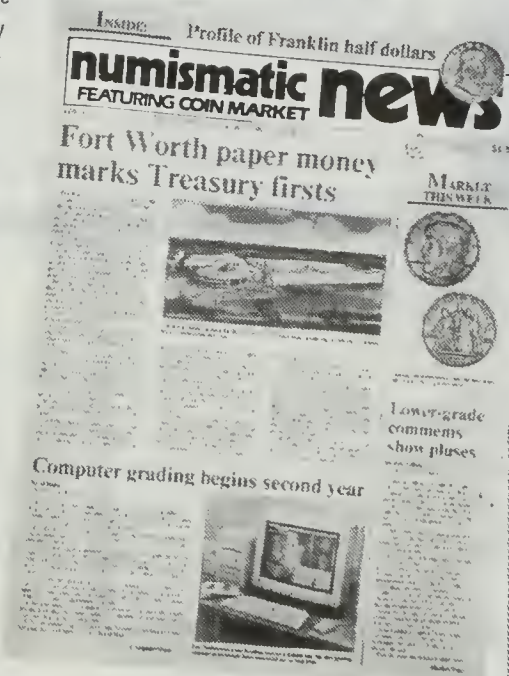


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Madison Coin Club's 61st Coin Show is hosting The Numismatists of Wisconsin's 33rd Convention. Holiday Inn West, 1313 John Q. Hammons Drive, Middleton, WI 53562-3500. Chairman: Kevin Doyle, 5 N. Western Avenue, Deerfield, WI 53531.

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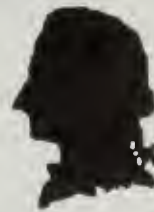
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